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God's Blessings to . . .

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Office Hours **9:30 – 3:00 Tues, Weds & Thurs** New hours!

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Worship Time

9:30 Worship
10:30 Coffee Hour

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
~1 Chronicles 16:34

I've been noticing a theme in my page of our monthly newsletter article each month. A theme of gratitude, of thankfulness, and of excitement. I just finished reading Diana Butler-Bass's book, "Grateful", which will be our first book as part of Bethany's new book club. It has inspired in me renewed joy in gratitude.

And so, since each month this page tends to be filled with gratitude, thankfulness, and blessed excitement, I wondered if maybe we shouldn't make that intentional? What if this page became a place to celebrate the things we are grateful for, to give thanks to the Lord for God's great love and goodness, and to share in our excitements for what's coming up!

In my personal life, I am as always so grateful for my family this month, June and July are the birthday months for myself, my spouse, both my parents, my stepfather, and both of my sisters. It's a busy time, filled with celebrations. I am so grateful for these summers of joy.

I've been giving thanks to the Lord for all the wonderful ways our members and friends of Bethany have been participating in God's ministry to our congregation and our community. It's all because of the giving of your time, talents, and treasures and I lift each of you to the Lord in thanksgiving.

Whether it be that we are already 75% to our goal for new carpeting in the sanctuary or sharing God's love through food while serving those in need with Radical Love, from putting on fundraising dinners to Mad Hatter's Tea parties, for all that each and every one of you do in your service, your fellowship, and your worship, I give thanks to God for the gifts you share.

And finally, I am so excited, feeling God's blessings in our ministry as we look ahead at the ways we might share those blessings with others. I'm so excited for the opportunity to serve at Community House this month, for our Vacation Bible School to begin, and for all the excitement and joy we are sharing together.

~Pastor Megan

P.S. I'm already excited for August too! Church picnic, monthly Wednesday night worship, Laundry Love, and Squirrel Fest! Woohoo!

(If you would like to share some gratitude, thankfulness, or excitements, email Pastor Megan at pastor@bethanylongview.org by the 15th of the month!)

2018 Church Council

2017	Tori Gosch / Co- President	goschrae@gmail.com	360-560-9535
2019	Barb Clausen/ Vice President	bjclausen2014@gmail.com	206-669-2014
2017	Barb Wilson (Co-president)	longbabs@aol.com	360-430-6731
2017	Joyce Croy	jmchgc@icloud.com	360-577-0287
2018	Carol Lane (secretary)	ca3424927@gmail.com	360-431-3564
2018	Karen Langworthy	hlangworthy@outlook.com	360-636-2438
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	Don Wallin / Treasurer	Dew2@q.com	503-556-8716
	Megan Filer/ Pastor	pastor@bethanylongview.org	360-431-1988

Office Hours Change:

Our office hours have changed. The church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Thank you for your consideration as we begin this new schedule.

Our Mission Statement:

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, OUTREACH, AND FELLOWSHIP

Our Vision Statement:

"A dynamic Christ-centered church that reaches into our community and world in loving service"

Meetings At Bethany!

Women of Bethany

Women of Bethany will be meeting three times a year! You can join us for our next meeting on the 4th Thursday of January, April, and August at 12:30pm. Also, we are in need of a chairperson to lead our group. Changing the schedule to only 3 times a year would make it even easier. Please give this some thought and prayer.

Breakfast Group

Our Breakfast Group will not meet during the summer months. Please watch announcements for when they will start up in the fall.

Women's Bible Study

During the summer, the Women's Bible Study meets once a month on a Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the Faith Room.

This month's meeting is July 17th.

Walking Group

Walking group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm. We meet at Bethany and get some light exercise, and sometimes a light workout. A great way to exercise and a little fellowship at the same time. Contact Pastor Megan for more info!

Duct Tape Crew

The Duct Tape Crew meets on Thursday mornings at 9am and are the **"fix it"** crew at Bethany. This group of men and women repair, clean, install, mow and do many other things to keep our church beautiful and up and running. If you have ever used duct tape and like donuts, you are highly qualified. Come join us at 10am for coffee.

SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES FOR July 2018

July 1, 2018 — **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer
Communion/Emergency Fund

Ushers:	9:30	Bob Baldwin & Barb Clausen
Readers:	9:30	Barb Clausen
Communion Asst:	9:30	Shelly Limpach
Communion Setup:	9:30	Shelly Limpach
Coffee Hour:	9:30	Clausen & Langworthy
PowerPoint	9:30	Rick Loewen
Financial Sec.	9:30	Pam Van Den Driessche

July 8, 2018 — **Sunday Service** Lay Service
No Communion

Ushers:	9:30	Dave Foslien & Gil Schauer
Readers:	9:30	Judy Bailey
Coffee Hour:	9:30	Isakson & Limpach
PowerPoint	9:30	Lee Limpach
Financial Sec	9:30	Barb Wilson

July 15, 2018 — **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer
Small Seeds/Communion

Ushers:	9:30	Small Seeds & Chris Engebo
Readers:	9:30	Small Seeds
Communion Asst:	9:30	Small Seeds
Communion Setup:	9:30	Shelly Limpach
Coffee Hour:	9:30	Obermeyer & Sieler
PowerPoint	9:30	Robin Siragusa
Financial Sec	9:30	Barbara Price

July 22, 2018 — **Member Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer
Communion/Member Sunday

Ushers:	9:30	Russ Gilchrist & Kim Isackson
Readers:	9:30	Lee Limpach
Communion Asst:	9:30	Gail Obermeyer
Communion Setup:	9:30	Shelley Limpach
Coffee Hour:	9:30	Lane & Loewen
PowerPoint	9:30	Carol Thompson
Financial Secy	9:30	Pam Van Den Driessche

July 29, 2018 — **Sunday Service** Lay Service
No Communion

Ushers:	9:30	Rick Loewen & Don Wallin
Readers:	9:30	Chris Engebo
Coffee Hour:	9:30	Oyloe & Snyder
PowerPoint	9:30	Lee Limpach
Financial Sec	9:30	Barb Wilson

*****Please find a substitute if you can't volunteer***

Bethany's Corner

Susan Johnson is our prayer chain contact . You may contact her with your prayer concerns at **360-261-9122** or email her at: bethanyprayers247@gmail.com with any prayer requests.

Continued Prayers & Healing

Takko family **Guerra family** **Thompson family**
Spriggle family **Gansler family** **Oyloe family**
Yockey family **Schauer family** **Croy family**
Price family **Velma Forrister** **Ward family**
Bailey family **Gilchrist family** **Cooper family**
Bobbie Blankenship

01 - Buck & Joyce Croy
06 - Chris & Kelly Engebo
25 - Wayne & Delores Spriggle
Walt & Norma Oyloe
26 - Rick & Ardyth Loewen
Lee & Shelly Limpach

01 - Duane Thompson
03 - Kyle Rahn
07 - Emmett Croy
22 - Greg Filer
25 - Chris Cotten
26 - Barbara Price
29 - Donna Zimmerman

Pastor Megan will be on vacation July 3rd through July 9th. Pastor Jill Ross from Stella Lutheran will be available for emergency pastoral needs. Please call 360-270-0295.

Council Minutes Cont'd

Communion Class, Spring Clean Up, Smalls Seeds Saturday, Radical Love Service Opportunity, Festival of Homiletics: Preaching & Politics Continuing Education Conference in Washington DC May 21-25;

Book Club-Pastor plans to start at book club to meet on the first Saturday quarterly--more information to follow.

Unfinished Business:

Quarterly Leaders-All council to attend June 20 @ 6:30 for Personnel Policy, calendar, etc.

Pastor's Continuing Education-Pastor reported on the inspiring experience and educational opportunity. She will use much of what she learned as we serve the community, in her sermons, and to lead future educational experiences.

Synod Workshop Update-Pastor attended Poulsbo and Susan Johnson and Kathy Newton attended the Vancouver sessions. There were one-hour breakout sessions on race, diversity, youth, gender issues, and telling stories of evangelism

ELCA Lutheran Churches-We have a gathering of Lutherans at St. Paul in Castle Rock for a potluck, worship, & to make homeless packets.

Worship Planning-Pastor has vacation on July 8 and the Renewal Team met with Worship & Music representatives. A hymn sing will be planned for July 8. In August, the team and committee agreed to involve more members in the services with less formality during our summer months.

New Business:

Mid-year Giving Report and Letter-After discussion of our income and expenses, it was moved and seconded to send out a letter to members on July 7 (after the mid-year financial report) thanking members for their giving. Motion carried.

Buying local/internet?-Bob and Don encouraged the church to buy local whenever possible to support local merchants.

KLM Investment Term- $3610 approx. is our balance. The profit take out would be $564.86. Bob and Don indicated the interest rate varies depending on the investment years. The signators on the paperwork are outdated. It was moved and seconded to remove Duane Thompson and Chris Engebo as signators and replace them with Pastor Megan and Bob Reistroffer who serve without council expiration. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to roll over for five years the principal KLM investment at the interest rate of 2.85% and withdraw the interest of $564.86 for the carpet fund. Motion carried.

Outside Facility Use Approval -Kim Moran reported that there have been no inquiries. No phone book listing.

Closed Executive Session for Personnel: Barb Clausen read a summary of Pastor's Annual Ministry Review from the council. The Council gave their input into Pastor's goals for 2018-19. (See August newsletter article for details.)

Announcements/Adjournment/Closing Prayer-Lord's Prayer-Barb Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:05. Next Meetings Exec. Com. July 25 11:30 ~ Council August 2 6:30 NO JULY COUNCIL MEETING!

June	9:30	TOTAL
3		76
10		70
17		64
24		61
Avg		68

Offering to date (May 31st)	
2017	2018
$51,150.79	$53,449.18
Expenses to date (May 31st)	
2017	2018
$43,261.06	$52, 635.38

June Council Minutes

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes- Thursday, June 7th, 2018
Present: Tori Gosch, Pastor Megan, Karen Langworthy, Joyce Croy, Barb Clausen, Bob Reistroffer, Don Wallin, and Barb Wilson. Absent: Carol Lane. Staff: Kim Moran.

Call to Order and President's Report: After devotions, the meeting was called to order by co-president Barb Wilson at 6:35 p.m. August 2 Devotions and treats will be done by Carol Lane. It was noted that any additional agenda items in August need to go to Tori/Pastor Megan.

Secretary's Report: The May 3 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as printed. Barb Clausen agreed to take minutes in the absence of the secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Don Wallin and Bob Reistroffer reported the May, 2018 budget expenses were $11,405.95 and exceeded May 2018 budget offerings of $7,927.00 by $3,458.95. YTD offerings are $53,449.18 and exceeded expenses of $52,635 by $813.80. The church loan balance is $59,293.97 as of May 31, 2018 and designated funds/savings as of May 31 are $28,798.97. (Note: The rummage sale was not included at report time.) EBay-No report.

Ministry Reports:

Evangelism/Education-Pastor Megan reported that we are signed up for a booth at Squirrel Fest.

Worship & Music - Minutes and Pastor Megan reported that the committee is proceeding with Wednesday Services called "The Garden" starting in mid-August; music stands have arrived.

Care/Hospitality-Joyce Croy reported that the recent funeral donation for the lunch will be split with WOB receiving $800 and Hosp/Care $400. Hosp/Care is donating their $400 to the carpet fund. She reported on Mother's Day coffee hour, Father's Day Pancake breakfast, and the Mad Hatter's Tea. She announced the annual picnic will be August 12. Care -Pastor Megan said the committee has not met recently, but calling is being done in lieu of home visits. Thank you for your outstanding service!

Building Grounds/Duct Tape-Spring clean up was done with those who could attend. The inside of the church needs more cleaning, but there were not enough attendees. Pastor got a baby gate installed in her office. A cart is being built for the projector and a cabinet for the music area. Thank you, team!

Stewardship-Barb Wilson Barb Wilson reported that the Total Rummage Sale receipts were $1,420. 10% will be split by local community organizations, 20% will go to the church's general fund, and the remaining will go to the carpet. General Fund $284, Carpet Fund $994, FISH $71, Emergency Support Shelter $71. The Caribbean Dinner June 16 will be held, and the ticket deadline is next Sunday.

Youth/Service-Bob Reistroffer reported the Prison Ministry raffle took in $140 Living Stones Ministry raffle. Catlin Elementary needs 600-700 otter pops for play day. A thank you was received from Columbia Heights for the bottled water. Pastor Megan reported on the VBS plans for July 24-6, the Community House Dinner July 11, the Radical Love lunch on May 19, and the Small Seeds trip to the zoo.

Other Committees:

Women of Bethany-Tori Gosch announced the Salad Supper Sept. 22--may change to a Thursday.

Memorials-Joyce Croy has about $10,000 for emergencies, etc. Approximately $2500 of this could go to the carpet fund when needed!

FISH-Tori Gosch reviewed the July 9 set up and July 10 distribution with hot dogs and potato chips for lunch

Minister's Report: Pastor Megan reported May 4th – June 7th

Communication- 7 Committee/staffing meetings + regular weekly staff meetings. 3 Duct Tape Coffees; Social Media- 4 sermons uploaded, 30+ Facebook posts, 4 blog posts, regular website updating;

Visitation/Community- 7 Office/Home/Hospital Visits, 5 Pastoral phone calls-calls lasting longer than 15 minutes covering pastoral needs of members or committees, 2 Community meetings - local schools, organizations, ELCA churches, etc., 5 Clergy meetings/gatherings-Ministerial association, Clergy Tuesdays, Synod Council, ELCA Text Study, 2 walking groups;

Other/Special-5 Sermons/5 Worship services (1 Memorial Service), 3 Educational Series Sessions, 6 Special Events - Assisted in planning, Attended, Volunteered at: Conversations on Race, Small Seeds

Check it out!

Reforming the Church and Us

Learning Lutheran Part 5 – Member Class

Join us as we dive into more of Martin Luther's writings, the history of the Reformation, and the history of our own congregation in this class for members and those interested in membership at Bethany!

After coffee hour July 1st, and July 11th.

Small Seeds Children's Ministry

Small Seeds Saturday – Small Seeds Zoo Day!
We will meet at the Oregon Zoo at 10am for the day!
We'll be talking about Noah's arc
and all of the animals of creation!
Mark your calendar: July 14th @ 10am

Small Seeds Sunday –Helping our Kids to see how Worship can be for them too! These special worship services will have the usual litany simplified, song choices familiar to our young ones (and the young at heart), a children's message, as well as an invitation to our children to help lead through lighting the candles and ushering.
Mark your calendar: July 15th @ 9:30am

Ministry of the Month!

Special thanks to Bethany's Worship & Music Committee and our Worship Ministries volunteers!
Our Worship & Music Committee meets each month with Pastor Megan to review our worship services, to plan special services, support our praise team and staff musician, and to vision what worship at Bethany can look like!
The Worship Ministries calendar is created twice a year and filled with our members who volunteer for roles in our worship each month from ushering to PowerPoint.
Our worship services wouldn't happen without the gifts each of you share with our congregation.
Thank you for all you do!

Upcoming this month!

FISH Distribution

The next date Bethany is hosting the Cowlitz County FISH Food Pantry will be Tuesday July 10th beginning at 9am.
We will be setting up Monday July 9th.

Community House

Group Volunteer Opportunity

3pm-7pm Wednesday, July 11th

The Community House on Broadway is a homeless recovery that exists to help individuals & families in Cowlitz County become self-sufficient.

Bethany Lutheran is signed up to cook and serve dinner and are in need of donations and volunteers!
Sign ups will be available in the narthex soon, chat with Pastor Megan for more information!

Vacation Bible School will be back!

July 23rd - 26th 9am-12pm
Register your adventurer now online at bethanylongview.org or look for registration paperwork in the narthex. This year our theme will be "Splash Canyon" and we'll be learning about God's promises on life's wild ride!
We are looking forward to games, songs, story-telling, and learning more about God's promises!

Volunteers are needed for this year's Vacation Bible School July 23rd through July 26th. We have many areas for you to choose from… crafts, snacks, decorating, games, storytelling, worship, etc. If you can help, please grab a form from the "Serving with Bethany" board in the Narthex. Completed forms need to be returned by July 1st.

Synod & Community

Women of the ELCA Bible Study Event

Saturday July 28th, 2018
9am-2pm
$25.00 includes lunch

All Saints Lutheran Church, Auburn, WA

Focused on Repentance, this bible study event will be an overview of the September, October, and November 2018 fall bible studies in the Women of the ELCA Gather Magazine and will be led by author, Meghan Johnston Aelabouni.

Lower Columbia Conference of the ELCA

This is the group of church members and pastors from 5 ELCA churches in our area that gather regularly to discuss how to serve our community, as well as create planned events like the joint Reformation service or the Soup-er Game Day.

For our next meeting information, chat with Pastor Megan or Dave Foslien!

Operation Restore:

Love INC, Hardhats for Christ, and Kelso-Longview Ministerial Association

House of Prayer for all Nations is one of the oldest congregations in Longview. This African-American congregation held their first worship service on Easter Sunday, 1925. R.A. Long donated the materials for the original building. After 93-years of history, the building is in need of a structural makeover – Operation Restore!

This unique piece of Longview spiritual history gives us the opportunity to come together as a greater Longview/Kelso area church community to both figuratively and literally, build up another congregation in a positive way.

How to Help: Volunteer , Donate funds to purchase materials

To volunteer, please call the Love INC office at 360-232-8576

For information about funding the purchase of specific materials, please contact Dave Williamson at CWCF at 360-423-5022

School Partnerships

Columbia Heights Box Tops

We are collecting Box Tops with this logo during this school year. If you would put your clipped tops in the box decorated with pansies on a table in the narthex by the Faith Room, it would be appreciated. The school PTO "buys" wonderful items for the school with these items, so your participation is appreciated.

Cascade Middle School

Gift Cards: Purchase Payless gift cards for student's shoes; Food gift cards to MacDonald's, Safeway, or Winco. Clothes gift cards for Ross. Next time you Qare in one of these places pick up a gift card!

School Supplies: Any time you see a sale on lined paper, pencils, binders, or back packs!

Want them delivered? *Please put the items in the box in the Faith Room and Barb Clausen will deliver.*

Molly Dubois from Longview Public Schools sent a lovely thank you note. It is posted on the "Serving Together" board and it reads… "Thank you so much for your generous and amazing donation to support our Mom's luncheon and workshop. Your monies combined with the morning Altrussa ladies & helped to pay for breakfast, lunch & gift cards for raffles. Thank you so much, this would not have been able to happen at the level that we offered it without your support. I so appreciate you believing in what we did! Thank You. Have a great summer! – Mollie" She also included a note from Teri, one of the St. Helen's Moms. This is also posted on the board… "Thank you; Thank you; Thank you! This was amazing seeing all the donations for all of us mom's! Bless You!"

We received this "Thank You" along with a beautiful flower arrangement from Columbia Heights PTO…

Dear Bethany Lutheran,

Thank you for your support of our school!! We are so lucky to have you as neighbors. Thank you for the generous water bottle donations! You helped make the SBAC tests a little easier on everyone!

Thank You! Columbia Heights PTO

Growing in Faith & Knowledge

Faith in our World Today

Public Faith Study

What does it mean to have a public faith? How does the bible guide us in our world today? What can our Lutheran tradition teach us about witnessing to Christ's love in our community? How does God shape who we are in our world?
July 22nd, 29th, and August 5th

Bethany Lutheran Book Club!

Reading is fundamental! And it's an important part of our growing as disciples of Christ. Like the biblical hero Daniel and his friends, we can grow in our knowledge and explore literature and wisdom together.
Our first book together for July—September will be "Grateful" by Christian author Diana Butler Bass!
Join us on October 6th at 1pm at Bethany for a Book Club potluck as we discuss our first book!

Contact Pastor Megan for more information!
2018-2019 Reading list available and signup on the blue & purple bulletin board in the church hallway or by request.

(Understanding that Saturday afternoons don't work for everyone, check out the bulletin board for a signup list for those who can't attend on October 6th!)

Membership Class & Member Sunday

Reforming the Church and Us
Learning Lutheran Part 5

Join us as we dive into more of Luther's writings, the history of the reformation, and the history of Bethany Lutheran in our next membership class!
July 1st, July 15th, Member Sunday July 22nd

Mark Your Calendars!

Church Picnic!

Join us after worship Sunday, August 12th for our annual church picnic! Food, games, and fellowship!
Contact Joyce Croy, Karen Langworthy, or Barb Wilson for more information!

Laundry Love

Laundry Love provides free laundry to those in need
the 3rd Thursday of the month at the 20th Avenue Laundromat.
Our church has signed up to lead a group of 4-5 volunteers to help on Thursday, August 16th from 5:45pm-8pm

Squirrel Fest 2018

As part of our Renewal process, Bethany has been getting out more and more in our community! Last year we had a booth at the Kelso Highlander Festival which was a wonderful way to share in the celebration with our neighbors.

This year Bethany will have a booth at Squirrel Fest! We'll have a prize wheel giving out toys, bracelets, and candy with flyers and brochures for our church. It's an awesome way to get to know our community!
If you want to help at our booth, greeting people and spinning the prize wheel, please sign up on the purple bulletin board in the hallway at church or chat with Pastor Megan!

of members on council to free us from too many meetings. Already in just half a year we've seen more team based events and opportunities as our members feel empowered to follow God's calling in our ministry together.

- How do we connect with our members, friends, and visitors on Sunday? New Connection Cards—Recommended at a synod retreat, the Renewal Team recommended to Worship & Music and Council to use connection cards instead of the red attendance book to help us make a more meaningful contact with those who join us for worship.
- How might we breathe new life into worship? Special Services—Listening to our families and by the Renewal Team's recommendation we began our Small Seeds worship services last year. The Renewal Team has also supported our monthly Wednesday worship, "The Garden", as a new way to reach our members and our community. From lessons learned at the synod retreats, we are beginning to ask outside organizations to share during Temple Talks and wondering at ways we might mark our summer worship services as a bit different from our every week.

What's next for our Renewal Team?

Our Renewal Team is looking forward to implementing some of the ideas that have come out of asking these questions. Already our congregation is reaching out more into our community, experiencing the joy of growth and the excitement of new opportunities for fellowship, service, and worship. We're looking forward to the rest of this summer, to taking some time to explore what's working and what still needs work.

We're working to create space and rest for members and friends of our congregation who have been working hard in our church, keeping us going, and inspiring us to explore all the ways God is working in us.

Renewal Team Update:

Imagining Bethany's Future

Wait—What is the Renewal Team?

Busy!! You might remember that as Pastor Megan was called to Bethany, our church also agreed to participate in our synod's "Imagine Project".

Bishop Jaech began this project inspired by Ephesians 3:20:
"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us". Our Renewal Team has been wondering and imagining all the incredible ways God might be working in our community and in our ministry.

The Renewal Team has been attending retreats with the synod, researching new ways to lean into God's imagination for our congregation, and working with our church's teams, committees, and council to move forward!

What questions have sparked Renewal imagination?

- How might we reach out to our community in new ways? Outreach and Service Events—Everything from having a booth at Highlander Festival last year or Squirrel Fest this year, to Beer & Carols over Christmas time, to serving a community Thanksgiving meal at Catlin Elementary School and serving with other community service organizations help us to participate in our neighborhood.
- How can we empower our members and friends to participate in the life of our church? Transformational Covenant & Committee Restructuring—In January 2017 our congregation voted at our annual meeting to agree to a Covenant of Transformation working towards renewal together. And per recommendations from our synod's retreats, the Renewal Team's coach, and after conversations with Council and our quarterly leaders meeting, our Council brought changes to our constitution to our church's Annual Meeting. Together we voted to lower the number of required committees and the number

Something New!

"The Garden" will be a once monthly Wednesday worship service of word and music beginning on Wednesday, August 15th at 6:45pm.

Inspired by Jesus praying in the garden at Gethsemane in Matthew 26:36-42, and the hymn "In the Garden", we hope that you will join us, and come to the Garden to pray.

We are looking for help with ushers, readers, soloists, and for a mini-coffee hour. There is currently a sign up sheet on the blue bulletin board in the church hallway near the worship ministries calendar for Sundays.

Contact Pastor Megan or musician Susan Johnson for more information!

Come to

The Garden

to pray

Worship Service of Word, Meditation, and Music

Third Wednesday of the Month

Beginning August 15th, 2018 6:45pm

Serving with Bethany

Throughout our newsletter you can see upcoming events and opportunities for service, fellowship, worship, and more. As we continue to grow, we recognize how important it is to invite others into service with us.

We are also always looking for new ways to serve our Lord and our neighbor together, if God has put a project on your heart, fill out an event proposal!

Many of the upcoming events and opportunities you can read about are still in need of volunteers for planning, and for the day of the events! We invite you to pray about the ways God might use you to serve our Lord and serve our neighbor together!

- **Upcoming Service Opportunities:**
- FISH Food Pantry Distribution (July 10th)
  Contact Marge Yockey or Barbara Price
- Community House (July 11th)
  Contact Pastor Megan
- Laundry of Love (August 16th)
  Contact Pastor Megan
- Duct Tape Maintenance Volunteering (Thursdays 9am-12pm)
  Contact Rick Loewen or Dave Foslien

- Office Help Volunteering (Thursday Mornings)
  Contact Kim Moran
- Caring Ministries (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)
  Contact Audrey Schauer
- Church Council, Committees, and Finances
  Contact Pastor Megan, Tori Gosch, or Barb Wilson

Mad Hatter's Tea Update

Our Mad Hatter's Tea was a hit! Together with 20 guests we read stories about tea parties and history of tea. June White & Greg Filer won prizes from our games. Pastor Megan won favorite hat for the second year in a row. Thanks to Karen L ,Dana H & Joyce C for food and help. It was a wonderful afternoon!

Caribbean Dinner Update

Thank you to all who attended the Caribbean Dinner fundraiser. There were 33 tickets sold and 28 meals served. Just over $800 was raised for the new carpet. Special thanks to Kalama's Police Chief Ralph Herrera for cooking the delicious meal.

ebay! fundraising

We made over $300 this year (we made over $1000 the first year). I slowed down last year due to health but I am back!! I'd like to keep selling items to help the church. Of course the items that earned the most money was jewelry-gold, sterling silver, comics, and collectables. But many other items did well too. Donate anything nice : jewelry, nice clothing, sports items, anything collectable, old or new. I am accepting items that fit in a shoebox or smaller and weigh less than a pound. USPS costs keep going up. I do not charge a fee. All sales except eBay's fee of 10% goes to the church's general fund. If you want you can keep up to 50% of the sales price. Please call me at 360-431-3564 or email me at: ca3424927@gmail.com. Or you can leave your item in Kim's office. Please leave your name on the item. Thank you. Carol Lane

Updates!

Rummage Sale Update

Thanks to all who helped: from donating items, setting up, helping on days of the sale and cleanup. Friday was very busy and Saturday we were able to get rid of some our bigger items (Praise the Lord). At the end we had 3 pickup loads that went to Habitat for Humanity and the Red Hat. For the two days we sold $1,400. Council decided to donate 5% to the Emergency Support Shelter and 5% to FISH as part of our community outreach. The remaining balance will be 20% to the general fund to support in-house programs and 70% to the carpet fund.

ELCA Movie Night Update

From Pastor Bob at St Paul Lutheran in Castle Rock:

"To all of you, many thanks for your donations and help in assembling homeless kits [on June 8th]. We couldn't have done it w/out you. Again, you have proven that you are the hands and feet of our risen Jesus. 65 bags were assembled and many have already been distributed. May this bags bless those who receive them and that they may know the love of Jesus for them."

Thank you!

Thank you everyone for the wonderful birthday wishes and gifts! The love and fellowship at Bethany Lutheran never ceases to amaze me. I am so thankful for this church and its people. God has blessed each and every one of you with love and joy and I am so grateful to be a part of it.

Thanks & Blessings, Pastor Megan

Serving with Bethany continued...

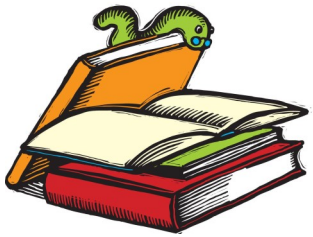
Upcoming Youth Opportunities:

- Small Seeds Ministry (2nd Weekend of the Month)
  Contact Pat Reistroffer or Pastor Megan
- Vacation Bible School (July 23—July 26th)
  Contact Pastor Megan or Pat Reistroffer,

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities:

- Member Sunday Celebrations (July 22, Oct 7)
  Contact Pastor Megan
- Church Picnic August 12th
  Contact Joyce Croy

Upcoming Education Opportunities:



- WOB Bible Study July 17th
  Contact Kathy Newton
- Bethany Lutheran Book Club
  Contact Pastor Megan

Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities:

- Pledge Month (September 16th—Oct 14th)
  Contact Pastor Megan or Barb Wilson

Upcoming Worship Opportunities:

- Praise Team (Sunday mornings)
  Contact Susan Johnson
- "The Garden" Wednesday Worship
  Contact Susan Johnson or Pastor Megan
- Worship Ministries (Ushering, Reading, Coffee Hour, Communion assisting/setup, PowerPoint, etc)
  Contact Ardyth Loewen

Do you have your own idea for an exciting ministry God is putting on your heart? Let us know! Event proposal forms are available in the office or on the bulletin board, you chat with Pastor for more info!

Bethany Lutheran Church **July 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Sunday Service** *Pastor Megan Filer* *Communion/ER Fund* 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:00 Member Class	2	3 NO Breakfast Group NO Women's Bible Study	4 4th of July! Office Closed	5 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/Duct Tape	6	7
	Pastor Megan Out of Office July 3rd—July 9th: Vacation					
8 **Sunday Service** *Lay Service* *No Communion* 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	9 FISH Setup 5:30 Girl Scout Leaders Mtg	10 FISH Dist. NO Breakfast Group NO Women's Bible Study	11 3pm—7pm Serving @ Community House 6:00 Cub Scouts	12 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/Duct Tape 6:30 Worship & Music	13	14 8:30 Small Seeds Saturday Field Trip to Oregon Zoo
15 **Sunday Service** *Pastor Megan Filer* *Communion/Small Seeds* 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:00am Member Class	16 Girl Scout Training 10am to 4pm	17 NO Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study	18 2:30 Walking Group 6:00 Cub Scouts	19 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/Duct Tape	20	21
22 **Member Sunday Service** *Pastor Megan Filer* *Communion/Member Sunday* 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Member Reception 11:00 Public Faith Study	23 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	24 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School NO Breakfast Group NO Women's Bible Study	25 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School 12:00 Exec Council 6:00 Cub Scouts	26 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/Duct Tape	27	28
29 **VBS Sunday Service** *Pastor Megan Filer* *Communion/VBS* 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:00 Public Faith Study	30	31 NO Breakfast Group NO Women's Bible Study				